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ERNEST REHKOPF CALLED BY DEATH

Well Known Leather Man
Succumbs to Heart Disease

Had Been a Factor in Industrial Development of Paducah for Many Years.

ELDER IN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Mr. Ernest Rehkopf, 69 years old, one of Paducah's best known business men and elder in the First Presbyterian church, died this morning at 1:20 o'clock of heart disease, after an illness of a few hours at his home, 421 Washington street.

Mr. Rehkopf was seized with an attack of heart trouble last winter and his life was despaired of, but he recovered and was in fairly good health though much broken with business worries, and the acrimonious litigation growing out of financial reverses, until yesterday morning, when he again complained of a return of the trouble. He was sitting up with the family until 9 o'clock last night, and retired and went to sleep. About 1 o'clock he awoke with a scream, that summoned other members of the family hastily to his bedside. Drs. Henry Duley and D. G. Murrell were called, but the last spark of life had departed before their arrival.

Mr. Rehkopf was a native of Hannover, Germany, and at 14 years he came to this country and was apprenticed in the tanning and leather-working trades. He resided in different parts of the country working at his trade, and when 21 years old he came to Paducah, where he had resided ever since.

Starting in business for himself in a small way, his concern grew, until it occupied two big buildings on South Second street, the collar factory on Kentucky avenue and the Mechanicsburg tannery. Fire cost him vast sums earlier in his career, at one time \$75,000 worth of his property being consumed without any insurance, and other misfortunes attended later efforts, but after each reverse until the last, Mr. Rehkopf, by industry and persistence managed to regain all that he had lost. When within a year his concern was forced into bankruptcy, followed shortly by involuntary proceedings, involving his personal estate, the general public was surprised.

Mr. Rehkopf employed a large number of skilled workmen during his business career, and was a factor in the industrial development of Paducah. His severe reverses at the late period of his life were deplored by many friends, who knew the man intimately.

At the age of 23 he was married to Miss Annie Stock, of this city. Besides his sister, Mrs. Caroline Grieshneider, of St. Louis, who will arrive tomorrow there are no other living relatives. Mr. Rehkopf began his business career here when 23 years old under the firm name of Rehkopf & Johnson.

Besides his wife Mr. Rehkopf is survived by four children: Mr. John G. Rehkopf, the well known buggy dealer, who was associated with his father in business; Mr. Henry Rehkopf, a vehicle dealer, of Memphis; Mrs. Earl Walters and Mrs. Oscar Starks, of this city. All the children, with the exception of Mr. Henry Rehkopf, were at his bedside when Mr. Rehkopf died.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at 121 Washington street, the Rev. W. E. Cave, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. The honorary pallbearers will be: Messrs. J. M. Brunson, W. D. Cherry, George B. Hart, T. A. Baker, L. M. Riecke, W. H. Riecke, Stanley DuBois, J. A. Rudy, and J. D. McQuot. The active pallbearers will be: Louis Kolb, Sr., Russell Coburn, Joseph Climan, Fred Kamleiter, William Kraus and Mr. Baumer.

Henry Frisz.
Central City, Ky., July 18. (Special).—Henry Frisz, 43 years old, formerly a locomotive engineer on the Illinois Central railroad, died here yesterday evening at 1:30 o'clock of Bright's disease, after a lingering illness. Until 5 years ago Mr. Frisz had a run out of Paducah on the Louisville division. Then he ran out of Louisville. For two years he had been operating a machine shop in this city, his native place. Ten months ago he sustained a stroke of paralysis at Vincennes, Ind., and he had been ill ever since. Mr. Frisz was a member of the Paducah lodge of Elks and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Besides his wife and infant child Mr. Frisz leaves several sisters, including Mrs. John Dicke, of Paducah. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Little Helen Stewart.
Helen Stewart, the 11-month-old

WEATHER FORECAST.



Generally fair tonight and Friday except probably local thunder showers in north portion this afternoon or tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 97; lowest today, 77.

GOES INSANE.

Marshall, Mich., July 18.—A guardian was appointed today for James Harmon, formerly of Chicago, whose wife and two children were killed in the fireworks theater fire. Brooding over their deaths unbalanced his mind.

TRY IT AGAIN.

Paris, July 18.—A news agency sends out the report that Mme. Anne Gould, whose final decree of divorce from Count Boni de Castellane was confirmed, is to marry Prince Desgenet. Their engagement will shortly be announced.

MAGILL CASE.

Clinton, Ill., July 18.—It is feared Fred Magill, the banker, charged with poisoning his wife, will never live to stand trial. Friends believe if he does not commit suicide he will lose his mind on account of the terrible strain under which he is laboring.

ANTI-JEWISH FEELING.

Warsaw, July 18.—Anti-Jewish feeling is prevalent again in Skonsitz on the Austrian frontier. Scores of Jews were killed and terrified inhabitants are fleeing toward Austria for protection.

RAILWAY WRECK.

Washington, July 18.—It is announced at Southern Railway offices here that a northbound passenger train was derailed at Richmond, S. C., today, overturning the engine and damaging the postal and express cars. A fireman and several passengers were injured.

10,000 ELKS.

Philadelphia, July 18.—Flanked by a multitude of more than half a million cheering spectators, 10,000 Elks marched in annual review today. No more picturesque procession ever was witnessed here. Some of the costumes were most unique.

GRAIN MARKET.

Cincinnati, July 18.—Wheat, 93; corn, 57; oats, 58 1-2.

GEORGIA DISASTER.

Boston, July 18.—Report of the board of inquiry, investigating the accident aboard the battleship Georgia, probably will be forwarded to Washington today. From unofficial trustworthy sources it is learned several members of the board expressed opinions that the accident was not due to a spark, but to spontaneous combustion of gases generated by the extremely rapid firing. The crew was straining every nerve to break the record for quick work.

AUTO ACCIDENT.

Anderson, Ind., July 18.—An automobile driven by Dr. E. K. Lookins was run down by a traction car today. Lookins was instantly killed and his companion seriously injured.

DEATH PENALTY.

Chicago, July 18.—When the case of Herman Biltek, a Bohemian fortune teller and hypnotist, charged with slaying six members of the Vrsal family by arsenical poisoning, went to the jury today the state made a demand for the death penalty to be imposed.

daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Chester D. Stewart, died at the family residence near Mt. McKinney last night of cholera infantum. The burial will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mt. Kinney cemetery.

Howerton Infant.

The three-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Howerton died last night of inanition, at the home of Mrs. Mary Melber, near Wallace park. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock. The burial will be in the Calvary cemetery on the Cairo road.

REGULATE RATES FOR TELEPHONES

Ordinance to be Introduced in
General Council

City Solicitor James Campbell, Jr., Has Idea on Subject Which He Will Outline.

OTHER CITIES ARE DOING IT.

Regulation of telephone rates by the city, regardless of the possession by the company of a franchise, will be recommended to the general council soon by City Solicitor James Campbell, Jr., who returned today from Louisville.

Other cities in the state are undertaking to regulate rates under the existing laws, and the city solicitor is preparing to place before the general council an ordinance that he believes will stand the test of the courts.

A sliding scale, basing rates on the number of subscribers, probably will be recommended by Mr. Campbell, as it is easily proven that the larger the number of subscribers, the more it costs to operate the exchange and the more benefit each subscriber derives from the connections.

If the telephone companies take the case into the courts, tests of the city's rights to regulate rates will be made, and if it is found the cities have not ample authority, the legislature will be appealed to for authority to establish rates.

AUTOS COLLIDE; THREE KILLED

New York, July 18.—A mysterious automobile accident occurred near here last night. One man died on the operating table, and two others are dying. Three are missing. Those alive are unable to make a statement regarding the accident. The automobiles met head on and both were smashed to pieces.

HUMIDITY IN AIR MAKES US SUFFER

Really Not so Hot as it Has
Been, But Heat is Oppressive and Men and Animals
Wilt in This Atmosphere

GEORGE SHARP IS STRICKEN.

Human feelings measuring the temperature today show a sharp variation from the government record. At 9 o'clock this morning, the hottest part of the day before 2 o'clock, the thermometer showed 96 degrees. Yet people have suffered more intensely from the heat today than at any time in the last hot spell when the temperature was 100 for three consecutive days. It is due to the moisture in the atmosphere. The hydrometer in the government observation office indicates a moist condition, and the sun's rays beating down on it, turn it into steam, which causes humanity to perspire so freely. It is on the principle of a vapor bath.

Gazing at the sky will not help in telling when rain will come to relieve the situation. Rain will come when a cold breeze strikes this moist atmosphere and turns it into water. What made the day so frightfully oppressive was the absence of any breeze, but at noon the wind was veering slowly toward the east, and though the prediction does not indicate rain for this vicinity for tonight or tomorrow, it likely will come if the wind continues to get around in the quarter that will make it cold.

Overcome With Heat.
Overcome with heat this morning while working on the streets George Sharp, an employee of the city in the street department was taken to his home on Norton street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, in a serious condition. This was Sharp's first day working for the city. He fell to the street three times this morning from the heat but pluckily resumed his work until the third time when he was unconscious and the patrol wagon with Patrolmen Hill and Hurley was sent to take him home.

George Sharp is the brother of the man who was stricken while riding the flush tank last night.



—Berryman in Washington Star.

Vandals Destroy Rare Plants in Park Around County Court House

Bottles Strwn Around and
Uprooted Flowers Show
That Nothing But Pure Wantonness Directed Efforts of
Miscreants

MAY DRIVE PUBLIC FROM IT.

Paducah's pride, the beautiful McCracken county court house lawn, was the scene of wanton vandalism last night when unknown persons tore up twenty-five of the plants, which adorn the park walks, and left beer bottles strewn over the lawn as an evidence of their nocturnal carousal. The flower plants were thrown down, where they had been uprooted, showing that only a spirit of destruction actuated the guilty persons. The result may be a stringent order forbidding the use of the court house lawn by the public as a park. County officers see in the removal of the benches scattered over the lawn for the comfort of the public the only means of curbing the vandalism. Despite the presence of the county jail on the grounds, a growing recklessness in certain persons who have frequented the park has been noticed lately by G. W. Webb the custodian of the park. Last summer, when County Judge Lightfoot first made the improvements to the court house lawn that made it the prettiest spot in the city, not a single evidence of the spirit that directed last night's action was observed. No

TANNERY PLANS ARE ABOUT READY

Architect A. L. Lassiter will have the plans for the new building of the Paducah Tannery company ready for the contractors to bid on them by the first of next week. It is for the new tannery company organized this month here and will occupy ground on the old Rehkopf tannery property. Other buildings on the grounds will be available for the company.

SOLDIER ELOPES TO METROPOLIS

Chester A. Rice, a discharged soldier from the Philippines, and Miss Helene Robbins, of Leebetter, Ky., eloped yesterday to Metropolis and were married by Squire Thomas Liggett. They returned here yesterday afternoon on the Cowling and spent the night at the Hudson House, leaving today on the Joe Fowler, it is supposed for Evansville, to spend their honeymoon. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. M. I. Robbins, and has been in Paducah several months attending business college.

PLANTER FLOGGED BY NIGHT RIDERS

Nathan Hester, of Trigg County, Led Out and Abused and
His Wife Faints While Trying to Assist Him

A MAYFIELD DIVORCE CASE.

Hopkinsville, July 18.—Twenty-five masked night riders visited the home of Nathan Hester, Trigg county, last night and took Hester out and flogged him unmercifully. His wife, who rushed to his assistance, fell unconscious, and was revived with difficulty. Hester sold his tobacco to independent people.

Mayfield Divorce.
Mayfield, Ky., July 18.—(Special).—Interesting gossip was current last night over a divorce granted C. W. Wade, Jr., a well known insurance agent. It is understood the real circumstances of the case were kept from the public. The couple were married in Henry county, Tenn., ten years ago. They have resided in Mayfield five or six years.

Local Option Election.
Cynthiana, Ky., July 18.—An exciting local option election is being held today. Sixteen deputy sheriffs were sworn in to assist in preserving order. The result hinges on the colored vote and the "Dry" element has succeeded in getting a large number out of town.

CHARGE OF SELLING BEER.

Tobacco Warehouse Offer.
Louisville, Ky., July 18.—(Special).—With a view to making Louisville the central market point of the tobacco trade of the country, directors of the Louisville Tobacco Warehouse company proposes to sell to the National Tobacco Growers' association 51 per cent of its common stock at \$70 per share, the offer being open until October 1. Should it be rejected, it is probable the growers may build or lease warehouses and conduct business independent of this market. J. A. Everett, of Indianapolis, president of the American Society of Equity, says, with reference to the report that no tobacco would be grown in 1908. This depends on the surplus of the 1907 crop.

PADUCAH HOUSE CHANGES HANDS

J. W. McKnight, proprietor of the Paducah Hardware and Iron company, 126 South Third street, has sold his business to Messrs. Fred Speck and Walter McDowell, traveling men of Evansville, Ind. The stock is being invoiced and the consideration of the sale cannot be learned until this is finished. Messrs. Speck and McDowell will continue the business under the old name and at the same place. Mr. McKnight will leave the city for several months during the hot weather, but will make this city his home in the future.

SKATING RINK COMPANY FORMED

To Construct Pleasure Palace
at Tenth and Broadway

Architect O. D. Schmidt Has Nearly
Finished Plans of Big Auditorium Building.

GRAND \$3,000 ORCHESTRIAN.

Incorporation papers for the Paducah Skating Rink company will be filed with the county clerk Friday or Saturday. C. W. Thompson and Hal S. Corbett, of this city, and J. D. Purcell, of Lexington, are the promoters and the company will be capitalized at from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Architect O. D. Schmidt has nearly finished the plans for the mammoth building and it will be ready for the opening on October 1. The building will be 80 by 225 feet and the skating rink will be 60 by 200 feet. Inside the building, seats for the spectators, ante-rooms and other conveniences will take up the space not used as the rink. One-story high and built of lumber, it will be equal to any skating rink in the state, and the hard wood floor will be absolutely unsurpassed.

The most magnificent musical instrument made in one piece, the orchestra, costing \$3,000, will be used to furnish the music in the skating rink. Eighty-seven instruments are blended in this instrument and the musical result is a triumph of harmony and sweetness. The promoters have undertaken the whole enterprise on the same scale.

Mr. C. W. Thompson said this morning that bids will be called for as soon as the plans are completed, but that the successful contractor would be required to give a bond that the building would be erected with union labor. This company owns a lot 80 feet wide and extending clear through the block, 300 feet, at Tenth street and Broadway.

When the skating rink is in operation and the promoters see their way clear, a fine natatorium will be added next summer. They believe that Paducah would welcome a first-class swimming school.

Asked if the large building would be available for social functions, conventions, dances and other large gatherings, Mr. Thompson said that the business of running a skating rink would at all times be first and that other uses of the building would be allowed only where they would not conflict with the business for which the building will be erected.

CARBOLIC ACID AND NOT WHISKY

Illinois Central Shop Man Gets
Hold of Wrong Bottle and
Burns His Mouth Severely
This Morning

TAKEN TO RAILROAD HOSPITAL.

Mistaking a bottle of carbollic acid for one containing whisky, C. H. Hobbs 628 South Thirteenth street, was taken to the Illinois Central hospital this morning, suffering from burns about the mouth. Hobbs, it seems, had been ill, and needing a small glass of the stimulant this morning poured out a small glass of the acid. Immediately after placing the glass to his lips Hobbs realized his mistake. After an examination at the hospital the doctors think he did not swallow any of the acid, and expect him to be out in a few days. Hobbs is a car repairer at the Illinois Central shops and popular among the men.

TWO COLORED BOYS HELD ON SUSPICION OF GUILT.

Dennis Patterson, alias Loving, and Ernest Pryor, colored youths, are held on the nominal charge of disorderly conduct, while Detectives Moore and Baker and Patrolman Hurley are investigating charges of housebreaking, which may be preferred against them. The boys are suspected of breaking into a number of stores on the south side, including that of Lee Hite, H. J. Foreman and R. S. Ballowe.

Child Bitten By Snake.
Sharpe, July 18.—(Special).—The six year old daughter of Lloyd Gaben, of near here, was bitten by a poisonous snake last night at her home while asleep. Dr. O. A. Eddleman was called and thinks the bite will not be fatal.